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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability in connection with International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP2004/000592, filed January 23, 2004, of which the above-identified application is a National Stage application filed under 35 USC 371.

Note that in the International Search Report for International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP2004/000592, submitted upon originally filing the above-identified application, Documents 1-7 referred to in the aforementioned Translation, and No. JP 2003-164258, were cited, and copies of all of these eight (8) documents have previously been submitted to the Examiner for consideration during examination of the above-identified application. In any event, enclosed herewith are English-language abstracts of each of the eight (8) Japanese patent documents submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement upon originally filing the above-

identified application and listed on the form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 submitted therewith, and copies of the documents themselves.

Also enclosed herewith are copies of documents cited in the specification of the above-identified application, that is, in the first and second full paragraphs on page 2 of the specification.

Lastly, also enclosed herewith is a Form PTO/SB/08A and B, listing the enclosed documents, and re-listing the eight (8) Japanese patent documents on the List submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 22, 2005, but indicating submission of the English language abstract therewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, and, moreover, within three (3) months of the filing of the National Stage application. Clearly, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

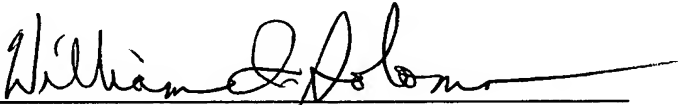
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

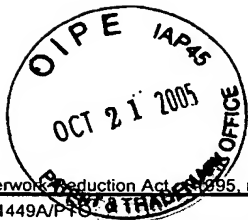
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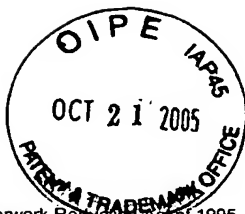
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